

# Campus Safety Bulletin

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“SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY:  
HELP BUILD A WEATHER-READY  
NATION”



Did you know that each year (Over 300 weather related fatalities in US each year) people are killed or seriously injured by all types of extreme weather? National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has an initiative, Weather-Ready Nation, which build community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events. As part of the Weather-Ready Nation initiative, NOAA, along with partners such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), wants to motivate individuals and communities to take actions that will prepare them in the event of a weather disaster and to share their preparedness steps with others. These actions can save lives anywhere before tornadoes, hurricanes, and other extreme types of weather strikes.

NOAA and its partners can't do it alone. The public is one of the key members of the team. Yes, that means you and I can participate. They just ask that we “Be a Force of Nature.”

**Be a Force of Nature** by knowing your risk, taking action and being an example in your community.

### KNOW YOUR RISK:

Hurricanes, droughts, tornadoes, snowstorms, flooding – severe weather impacts every part of the country. The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the types of hazardous weather that can affect where you live, go to school, and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family.

What you can do:

1. Bookmark [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) to get the latest forecast information.
2. Follow the National Weather Service on Facebook and Twitter.
3. Read the State of the Climate reports to discover historical trends.

### TAKE ACTION:

**Be Force of Nature** by making sure that you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes creating a disaster supplies kit and making sure that you can receive emergency messages.

What you can do:

1. Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.
2. Learn about Wireless Emergency Alerts.
3. Create a disaster supplies kit.

### BE AN EXAMPLE:

Be a positive influence on your community by sharing your weather preparedness story. Be a Force of Nature by letting your friends and family know what you did to become weather-ready.

What you can do:

1. Tweet that you're prepared with the hashtag #BeAForce
2. Share your preparedness story on Facebook.
3. Make sure you have a Family Emergency Plan.

**SO LET'S HELP BUILD A WEATHER-READY NATION!**